

# Scouting About Tzaneen #11



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## Kwara's Comments



### Special points of interest:

- Facebook Issues
- 1st Gilkloof
- Celebrating Cubs
- 1st Petanenge
- The truth about volunteering



Dear All

Firstly let me say thank you to all of you for your prayers and well wishes while I was recovering from my operation. I am back to work and looking forward to 2014.

Secondly, this edition has information in it that is a bit different. We want to discuss the dangers of Facebook. Also the value of volunteering and supporting others.

Thirdly for those who want career advice we have a cell phone address which can help: [mobi.careerhelp.co.za](http://mobi.careerhelp.co.za)

Finally, I want to thank Gauteng staff especially Alison Bentley and her team for coming to Westfalia and running our first ever PLTU 1st Gilkloof! You have advanced scouting in Limpopo phenomenally, thank you.

Kwara alive and well

Merry Christmas every-



one. Enjoy the Christmas holidays and stay safe

Love the Dream Team



## 1st Gilkloof Patrol Leaders Training Unit



## What you can get from Volunteering - Ronny Sekwela

To most people Volunteering is a waste of time and energy and when you're doing it you're only doing it when there's something you're getting in return or doing it to get a position in an Organization or some sort of recognition. But there is more to Volunteering especially when you're doing it whole heartedly and with the passion of doing what you are volunteering to serve.

I have volunteered at the Fo-Guang Shan Nan Hua Temple, The Buddhist Temple in Bronkhorspruit, I was helping them at The IT Academy they are running as well as with the New Scout troop they have established a village called Zithobeni. When I first decided to volunteer I was just doing it because I was not working and I needed something to keep me busy, and I Love IT and Scouts of course and it is in my heart to help people where and when I can and able to.

It was fun I was volunteering staying at the Buddhist temple and waking up every morning like I was going to work being at the academy helping out here and there setting up stuff fixing computers, managing the network, assisting students with MS Office specialist course where they needed help, helping out manage and administer the testing centre and setting up some of the online testing facilities not realising what I was doing was actually opening great doors for me.

Updating my facebook status everyday with what I was doing in the academy and putting all the effort in my volunteer work, got me recognised by IBM and Momentum. I went through Interviews and finally got a 12 months Internship with momentum because of the skills and experiences I got from volunteering and guess what, volunteering added value to my CV and now I am proudly waking up every morning to go to work doing my IT Job with a salary from having to use my skills without salary.

"Now I'm supposed to be getting training because I am an Intern, but things are happening the opposite way, I am now taking care of a call centre department as their IT Technician, though I am appointed as an intern and am also mentoring other Interns who started this month..."

Another great achievement I got from volunteering is this: I made applications to attend the Life and Chan Youth Seminar in Taiwan with the Buddhist temple long before I even met them and I met them when they Interviewed us in Keep the Dream196 office, and that's when I found out about their IT academy, and decided to then take on volunteering and after they realised I was adding value to their Organization the board decided to take me to Taiwan. I don't know if it was decided from my Interview with them or afterwards but I believe the fact that

I was serving them well added to them deciding to take me to Taiwan.

My Advice to the youth people and Adults out there, Please Let us serve our communities regardless of what we are gaining and or losing from serving them, because you'll never know what you might get from volunteering. A Biblical proverb says "A Giving hand is better that a receiving hand" I say "We get to give not give to get" and again volunteer because you want to not because somebody asked you to.

Ronny Sekwela Rover Marula Crew



## Hulani Homu—Rover and 1st Petanenge Scouter



My name is Hulani and I have been a scout since 2009 and I am very proud of what I do. I have earned love, respect, support and mostly I have something to keep me busy day after day. I am a Troop Leader for 1st Mohlaba and I now have developed 1st Petanenge Scout Troop also I am the Assistant Troop Scouter to 1st Sasekani Troop.

Scouts is like my peacemaker because when I think of scouts joy, happiness, smiles, caring and respect ap-

pears on my fare. The Scout trail says it is our turn to spread the scout message a little bit wider and I am doing so to create friendship and brotherhood amongst our beautiful country. Day after day appreciate the responsibility mum Rose and Akela Zabe who have given me many opportunities. Thank you Keep The Dream196 you have given me courage and I am well motivated, I will keep my dream



## Facebook and Scouting - Phindile Mhlari and Nkulu Mabuza

Being a scout is the most life changing thing one can do for themselves. We are proud of the way we live, caring for ourselves and other people; we also take pride in our uniform and the different badges that we earn throughout the years that we are in scouting. We are a different generation compared to today's youth. We are honest, loyal; help other people, brothers and sisters to other people, kind, obedient, smiley, thrifty and clean.

Sadly due to social networks

especially facebook, BBM, Mxit and Whatsapp some scouts have become different people for example people post rude comments, pictures that are sexually inappropriate while holding and being surrounded by alcohol and also inappropriate check-in for example checking in saying you are in a bar having a good time with your friends late at night.

All these are not upholding the standard of scouting that we pledged to live by when we got invested which is very

disappointing as we have been groomed to be responsible young adults and contribute towards a better life. We hope and pray that all those who are not living by the scouts law can try and change and continue to promote scoutly behavior on Facebook as we are meant to be role models to the younger scouts and cubs.



## Nhlamulo Hlungwana—1st Petanenge

I am Nhlamulo Hlungwane, I live at Petanenge village, I am a young person but since I have started scouts I have learned a lot of things. I am the Assistant Patrol Leader for the Lion Patrol. I joined scouts in May 2013 when it first started in my village.

I told my mother that I wanted to join scouts and learn things like rules and she agreed. I was a very rude child, scouts taught me how to behave and how to respect other people

and makes friends with them, and if wasn't for my mother who allowed me to join scouts I would be a very big threat and a trouble maker at home. Scouts taught me that I must share, talk to everybody, be polite and mostly to stand in front of people, I am no longer shy, now I am able to stand in front of people and read English books. Scouts keeps me active always.

As a scout from the bottom of my

heart I would like to thank Hlulani Homu. Hlulani your love played a very good role in my life, we all love you, keep it up and thank you to those who taught you as you are now teaching us. THANK YOU!



## Inside Story Headline



My name is Nel Mkhabele, I live at Petanenge village, I attend scouts at 1st Petanenge troop and I am a quarter master, I joined in May 2013 when Hlulani started the troop.

The reason why I joined scouts? I wanted to be more educated, I love

the songs that they sing at scouts, they taught me a lot of different things and I'm willing to learn more.

At scouts I earn respect even when I am young. I learn more about group work and we are taught to engage with one another, so thank you to scouts, thank you to Hlulani and mostly thanks to Keep The Dream196. I promise to pass the knowledge to others and to keep my

dreams.



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## CUBS CORNER



As a scout at 3rd Burgersdorp we decided to make a party for our cubs with the money we fundraised. We wanted to thank them, inspire and encourage the cubs for the hard work they have done with community service, Nelson Mandela Day and they way they attend the weekly meetings.

It is a great honor to have these cubs in our group because we teach them many things and they also teach us many things.

This means working with many children, you learn to be patient, not to loose your temper, also you practice your communication skills when

working with so many children.

This party has brought many children to join our cubs, we have recruited many more children as cubs.

This day we played and enjoyed with our cubs. Forward Keep The Dream196 FORWARD